

### REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

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#### **MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2004**

### AMENDMENT TO THE TEN YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Over the previous seven months, the Strategic Plan Task Force has evaluated the Ten Year Strategic Plan's requirement to form two new advisory bodies under "Goal Four—Improve Public Involvement in the Regional Planning Process."

The Task Force considered the advantages and disadvantages of the required advisory groups as envisioned by the Plan. One advantage was the advisory bodies' ability to supplement SCAG's work with diverse suggestions from the community.

After considering the possibility of creating freestanding ad hoc advisory committees, an amendment was drafted to the Ten Year Strategic Plan to permit members of the community to serve on task forces in an ex officio capacity for a specified term. The Regional Council approved the amendment.

## FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION REAPPROPRIATION CONSENSUS PROGRAM

The 2004 Southern California Consensus Program articulates the TEA-21 reauthorization principles and priority projects agreed upon by the Southern California Transportation Delegation. Following its review by the Regional Council, the Delegation, comprised of SCAG, IVAG, MTA, OCTA, RCTC, SanBAG, and VCTC, advocated the 2003 Consensus Program during an advocacy trip to Washington, DC in February 2003. This 2004 update retains the character, principles, and projects of the 2003 Consensus Program.

However, it differs from the 2003 Consensus Program because 1) It adds the Gold Line Extension to Montclair to the Los Angeles County section and moves the I-710 Gap Closure and Gerald Desmond Bridge projects to the Intra-Regional section; 2) at the request of OCTA, it reduces the amount of the Centerline project from \$750 million to \$500 million; 3) at the request of RCTC, it increases the amount of the San Jacinto Commuter Rail Line from \$70 million to \$80 million; and 4) it refers to the component parts of the Alameda Corridor East (ACE) project under each affected county's section in addition to ACE's listing in the Intra-Regional section. The Delegation will advocate the 2004 Consensus Program on their February 11th-12th trip to Washington, DC. The Consensus Program was approved. For additional info: contact Don Rhodes, Manager, Gov Affairs @(213) 236-1840 or via email rhodes@scag.ca.gov.

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMPASS UPDATE & MINI WORKSHOP

About 25 Regional Council members participated in a mini Compass growth visioning exercise at their February meeting. The members gathered around scaled maps of the SCAG region and worked towards consensus in developing strategies to accommodate future projected household and employment growth.

The feedback received will be analyzed and compared to the earlier public workshop results and forwarded to the Regional Council for information.